



NOTICE

The Tongass National Forest, Juneau Ranger District Environmental Assessment

The Tongass National Forest, Juneau Ranger District, has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) to consider certain changes to the approved Plan of Operations of the Kensington Gold Project. The proposed action is to install a bulk fuel depot in the upper laydown yard of the Kensington Marine Terminal, which is within the boundaries of the Kensington Mine operation located in Slate Creek Cove, Berners Bay, Alaska. Proposed construction activities are to occur in a previously disturbed area and no timber will be disturbed. Seven fuel tanks are proposed to be installed above ground with approximately 500 feet of seamless pipeline constructed. A header pipe is to be located along the northwest side of the access road at the Kensington Marine Terminal. When docked at the Marine Terminal a barge will connect via flexible hose to the header. Fuel transfer will be in bulk and may occur every 3-4 weeks. The Responsible Official for this project is: Brad Orr, Juneau District Ranger, 8510 Mendenhall Loop Road, Juneau, Alaska 99801, (907)586-8808, borr@fs.fed.us

The EA is available on-line at: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=45154. The EA is also available for review at the Juneau Ranger District office. Additional information regarding this action can be obtained from: Curtis Caton, 8510 Mendenhall Loop Road, Juneau, Alaska 99801, (907)789-6273, curtisclaton@fs.fed.us

Specific written comments on the proposed project will be accepted for 30 days following the date of publication of this notice in the Juneau Empire, the newspaper of record for the Juneau Ranger District. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for a proposed action documented in an EA. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

The proposed project is an activity implementing a land management plan and is subject to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Only individuals or entities who submit timely and specific written comments about this proposed project or activity during this or another public comment period established by the Responsible Official will be eligible to file an objection. Comments must be within the scope of the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and include supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider. Persons submitting comments must provide the following information: name and address; title of the proposed project; specific written comments; and signature or other verification of identity upon request. Other requirements to be eligible to submit objections are listed at 36 CFR 218.25(a) (3). It is the responsibility of the sender to ensure timely receipt of any comments submitted.

Specific written comments for the Responsible Official may be submitted via mail, other delivery service, email, fax, or in person to: Curtis Caton, Geologist, 8510 Mendenhall Loop Road, Juneau Alaska, 99801, curtisclaton@fs.fed.us, comments-alaska-tongass-juneau@fs.fed.us, Fax (907)586-8808, Phone (907)789-6273. Business hours for hand delivered comments is Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays. Electronic comments shall be in a format that is compatible with the current version of MS Word.

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